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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MAX CLELAND, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell, Senior Pastor, Windsor Village United Methodist Church, Houston, TX.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, the supply and supplier of every good and perfect gift, the author and finisher of our faith, we pause now, O God, to acknowledge Your matchless goodness, greatness, and grace. We ask Your blessings upon the distinguished Members of the Senate and their families. We decree and declare that no weapon formed against them shall prosper. And we pray, O Lord, that You will continue to grant them inner peace, outer protection, and power from on high.

As this great country deals with the uncertainty abroad and occasional unpredictability here at home, we find grace, peace, and comfort in knowing that You are a very present help in the time of trouble. Grant the Senators wisdom, discernment, and insight that they will draft and pass legislation which will make America and the world a better place tomorrow than it is today. We reverence and adore You, and we bless Your holy name. Let all who agree say Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MAX CLELAND led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 9, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MAX CLELAND, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CLELAND thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I will yield momentarily to my colleague, the junior Senator from Texas, whose pastor is our guest Chaplain today.

The Senate will be in a period for morning business until 11 a.m. today. At 11 a.m., we will again begin consideration of the energy reform bill, which will be the 15th day we have been on this legislation. The Senate will recess, as we normally do on Tuesdays, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party conferences.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Texas.

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I rise to introduce properly the Pastor

who just gave the wonderful invocation that opened the Senate.

It is my distinct pleasure to introduce our guest Chaplain and fellow Texan, the Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell. Reverend Caldwell is the Senior Pastor of the Windsor Village United Methodist Church in my hometown of Houston. I thank him for opening with a wonderful prayer this morning.

Reverend Caldwell has led his church of approximately 14,000 members in southwest Houston for nearly 20 years. He also delivered the invocation at the President's inauguration last January.

Reverend Caldwell is an influential and motivational leader in the Houston community. He is well known for his zeal and compassion for people. As an articulate and accomplished businessman, he has utilized his pulpit as well as his business skills to develop successful faith-based community programs throughout Houston. These initiatives provide housing, job training, counseling, and other important services to needy residents throughout the community, truly demonstrating Christian charity and brotherly love.

The social programs fostered by Reverend Caldwell in Windsor Village have become models for faith-based initiatives throughout the United States. Reverend Caldwell came to the ministry truly from a calling and truly from his heart for he earned a master's degree in business at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and he was a bond trader with a firm in Houston and was doing well. But something else nudged at him while he was in the business field, and he decided that he wanted to be a minister. So he went back to Southern Methodist University to get yet another master's degree, this time in theology. He serves on the boards of a range of community groups from the Children's Defense Fund to the MD Anderson Cancer Center. Reverend Caldwell is also the author of the book

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